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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY JULY 1985				REVISED JUNE 1985				REVISED JULY 1984			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1980.8	1751.7	229.1	11.6	1981.3	1751.6	229.7	11.6	1959.1	1764.2	194.9	9.9
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	63.8	57.6	6.2	9.8	64.4	58.4	6.0	9.2	62.0	57.2	4.8	7.8
Baton Rouge 2/	258.7	231.4	27.3	10.5	259.0	231.5	27.5	10.6	253.6	231.5	22.1	8.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	85.8	76.5	9.3	10.8	86.9	77.4	9.5	11.0	85.0	76.6	8.4	9.9
Lafayette 4/	111.7	101.5	10.2	9.2	111.6	101.1	10.3	9.3	112.8	103.9	8.9	7.9
Lake Charles 5/	75.8	65.0	10.8	14.2	75.6	64.5	11.1	14.7	78.6	67.6	11.0	14.0
Monroe 6/	62.8	57.0	5.8	9.2	64.0	57.9	6.1	9.6	63.8	57.7	6.1	9.6
New Orleans 7/	583.0	514.8	68.2	11.7	583.1	513.8	69.3	11.9	585.8	531.0	54.8	9.4
Shreveport 8/	164.5	149.7	14.8	9.0	164.6	151.0	13.6	8.3	161.9	150.0	11.9	7.4

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana, estimated at 1,575,400 for July, decreased by 17,900 workers from June's level and by 26,700 from the July a year ago figure. A seasonal decrease in local education contributed largely to the lower level of nonmanufacturing employment in July. Manufacturing employment was also lower for the current month as both durable and nondurable goods experienced downturns.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 83,900, was 1,500 lower than in June. Decreased activity at logging camps and a drop in the production of millwork, plywood and structural members resulted in lower employment for the lumber and wood products industry. Transportation equipment employment was down this month due mostly to decreased payrolls in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Monthly employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing, at 93,700, was 1,600 lower than the June level. A seasonal decrease in the canning of seafood primarily accounted for the downturn in food and kindred products employment. A drop in the production of miscellaneous apparel and accessories was significant in the decrease of apparel and other textile products employment. Payrolls in paper and allied products were lower this month mostly as a result of less activity at paperboard mills. Chemicals and allied products employment was lower due largely to cutbacks in the production of industrial organic chemicals.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,397,800 for the current month, was 14,800 below last month's level. Mining employment was up due mostly to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. A lessening of activity by heavy construction contractors largely accounted for the decline in construction payrolls. Less activity in trucking and warehousing and in telephone communication contributed to the decrease in transportation and public utilities employment. Payroll cutbacks in general merchandise, apparel and accessories and in eating and drinking places were significant in the lower level of employment for trade. Seasonal decreases in educational services employment were instrumental in the lower payrolls for services this month. Government employment declined primarily as a result of a seasonal decrease in local education employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 125,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased from \$425.38 in June to \$421.43 in July, a decrease of \$3.95, but an increase of \$3.47 above July of last year. Average hourly earnings were \$0.13 higher in July than last month and \$0.26 more than July of last year. Weekly hours averaged 40.6 for the current month, a decrease of 0.9 hours from last month's average of 41.5 hours.

Estimated total unemployment for the state for July amounted to 229,100, a decrease of 600 from the June level of 229,700. The unemployment rate for July was 11.6 percent, no change from last month and 1.7 percentage points higher than July of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for July was 7.4 percent compared to 7.5 percent in June and 7.5 percent in July of last year. The state's civilian labor force was estimated at 1,980,800 a decrease of 500 from June's level. The estimated total employment for Louisiana moved from 1,751,600 in June to 1,751,700 in July, an increase of 100.

The state's unemployment rate is expected to remain fairly stable next month. Mining and government may experience employment declines next month. Manufacturing employment may move above the present level next month.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Quachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change from	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,575.4	1,593.3	1,602.1	-17.9	-26.7
MINING	79.5	79.0	81.2	+ 0.5	- 1.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	76.2	75.8	78.1	+ 0.4	- 1.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.3	3.2	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	110.1	112.4	123.5	- 2.3	-13.4
MANUFACTURING	177.6	180.7	183.3	- 3.1	- 5.7
Durable Goods	83.9	85.4	84.4	- 1.5	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.8	13.5	13.7	- 0.7	- 0.9
Furniture and Fixtures	1.0	1.0	0.7	0	+ 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.9	8.0	8.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.9	3.9	3.5	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	12.0	12.1	13.2	- 0.1	- 1.2
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.9	10.0	9.9	- 0.1	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	11.2	11.3	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	22.8	23.2	21.6	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	93.7	95.3	98.9	- 1.6	- 5.2
Food & Kindred Products	20.8	21.3	21.7	- 0.5	- 0.9
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.8	9.2	9.6	- 0.4	- 0.8
Paper & Allied Products	10.6	10.8	11.7	- 0.2	- 1.1
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.1	9.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.9	28.2	29.2	- 0.3	- 1.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.8	11.9	13.1	- 0.1	- 1.3
Petroleum Refining	10.9	11.0	12.1	- 0.1	- 1.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	3.6	3.8	3.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	114.8	116.2	119.2	- 1.4	- 4.4
Railroad Transportation	7.2	7.2	7.5	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	65.8	66.8	69.0	- 1.0	- 3.2
Communication & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	41.8	42.2	42.7	- 0.4	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	380.9	381.6	385.4	- 0.7	- 4.5
Wholesale Trade	94.8	94.9	95.7	- 0.1	- 0.9
Retail Trade	286.1	286.7	289.7	- 0.6	- 3.6
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.0	57.4	58.6	- 0.4	- 1.6
Food Stores	54.4	54.1	53.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	33.3	33.0	32.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	86.2	86.8	88.4	- 0.6	- 2.2
Other Retail Trade	55.2	55.4	56.3	- 0.2	- 1.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.3	84.3	83.7	0	+ 0.6
Banking	27.7	27.6	27.7	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	314.0	316.7	312.2	- 2.7	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.6	21.3	22.6	- 0.7	- 2.0
Other Services	293.4	295.4	289.6	- 2.0	+ 3.8
GOVERNMENT	314.2	322.4	313.6	- 8.2	+ 0.6
Federal	36.1	35.7	34.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
State and Local	278.1	286.7	279.0	- 8.6	- 0.9
State	93.1	92.8	97.1	+ 0.3	- 4.0
Local	185.0	193.9	181.9	- 8.9	+ 3.1

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average			Average			Average		
	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)									
Durable Goods	\$421.43	\$425.38	\$417.96	40.6	41.5	41.3	\$10.38	\$10.25	\$10.12
Lumber & Wood Products	380.97	389.63	374.74	40.4	41.1	40.6	9.43	9.48	9.23
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	302.66	305.18	292.53	40.9	40.8	37.6	7.40	7.48	7.78
Fabricated Metal Products	348.15	341.50	383.23	42.2	40.8	40.9	8.25	8.37	9.37
Machinery, ex. Electrical	425.35	429.03	403.18	44.4	45.4	44.6	9.58	9.45	9.04
Electric & Electronic Equip.	411.76	400.95	374.75	41.3	40.5	39.2	9.97	9.90	9.56
Transportation Equipment	411.16	437.09	370.50	38.0	40.1	39.0	10.82	10.90	9.50
	402.19	418.37	443.64	37.8	39.1	41.5	10.64	10.70	10.69
Nondurable Goods	463.81	458.58	459.22	40.9	41.5	41.9	11.34	11.05	10.96
Food & Kindred Products	287.96	296.32	262.33	38.6	39.3	37.0	7.46	7.54	7.09
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	164.10	213.38	180.95	30.0	40.8	38.5	5.47	5.23	4.70
Paper & Allied Products	585.60	558.52	558.58	44.6	43.6	43.1	13.13	12.81	12.96
Printing & Publishing	370.15	373.62	353.58	38.8	39.0	38.6	9.54	9.58	9.16
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	639.92	625.37	643.86	43.8	42.6	44.1	14.61	14.68	14.60
Petroleum & Coal Products	678.17	697.92	663.78	46.9	48.0	48.7	14.46	14.54	13.63
Petroleum Refining	698.20	721.73	681.59	47.4	48.7	49.0	14.73	14.82	13.91
MINING	566.61	559.06	519.49	51.0	49.3	46.3	11.11	11.34	11.22
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	492.05	498.97	452.80	40.2	41.0	40.0	12.24	12.17	11.32
BANKING	249.33	250.34	238.20	38.3	39.3	39.7	6.51	6.37	6.00

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 125,000 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 104,400 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

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	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	25,550	22,225	3,325	13.0	25,650	22,400	3,250	12.7
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	6,575	5,275	1,300	19.7	6,600	5,300	1,300	19.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	10,625	9,175	1,450	13.7	10,700	9,175	1,525	14.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	13,450	10,625	2,825	21.0	13,375	10,525	2,850	21.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	12,750	11,200	1,550	12.2	12,775	11,225	1,550	12.1
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	7,650	6,775	875	11.3	7,600	6,775	825	10.9
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	5,325	4,775	550	10.1	5,250	4,700	550	10.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	5,175	4,775	400	7.9	5,100	4,700	400	7.6
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	6,200	5,275	925	14.9	6,050	5,225	825	13.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,575	6,875	700	9.2	7,450	6,825	625	8.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,700	8,875	1,825	17.1	10,600	8,750	1,850	17.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,900	11,450	1,450	11.2	12,925	11,575	1,350	10.5
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	5,550	4,700	850	15.5	5,675	4,750	925	16.4
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,525	7,475	1,050	12.3	8,525	7,450	1,075	12.6
VILLE PLATTE (EVANGELINE)	14,525	12,300	2,225	15.3	14,575	12,325	2,250	15.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,950	7,500	1,450	16.2	9,000	7,525	1,475	16.4
GOLFAX (GRANT)	3,975	3,175	800	19.9	3,875	3,175	700	18.2
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	35,975	31,975	4,000	11.1	35,850	31,725	4,125	11.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	16,200	13,950	2,250	14.0	16,300	13,975	2,325	14.3
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,850	6,200	650	9.6	6,825	6,150	675	9.9
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,900	11,700	2,200	15.8	13,800	11,775	2,025	14.6
JENA (LASALLE)	6,875	6,175	700	10.1	6,775	6,050	725	10.6
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	21,450	20,450	1,000	4.7	21,275	20,275	1,000	4.7
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,025	5,175	850	14.3	6,075	5,150	925	15.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,925	11,150	1,775	13.7	12,625	11,000	1,625	12.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,800	16,125	1,675	9.4	17,650	15,975	1,675	9.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUEM.)	14,850	13,700	1,150	7.8	14,675	13,475	1,200	8.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	13,975	12,250	1,725	12.4	13,850	12,125	1,725	12.4
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,725	4,225	500	10.6	4,550	4,100	450	9.8
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,125	8,025	1,100	12.2	9,100	7,950	1,150	12.6
MANY (SABINE)	8,825	7,675	1,150	13.0	8,775	7,850	925	10.4
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	4,500	3,975	525	11.5	4,450	3,950	500	11.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	10,375	8,425	1,950	18.8	10,700	8,650	2,050	19.2
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	35,775	29,225	6,550	18.3	35,900	29,225	6,675	18.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	34,775	30,450	4,325	12.4	34,650	30,250	4,400	12.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,350	30,925	6,425	17.2	37,150	30,850	6,300	17.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,400	3,100	300	8.6	3,425	3,125	300	8.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	7,750	6,900	850	11.0	7,700	6,825	875	11.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	26,025	22,850	3,175	12.2	25,725	22,450	3,275	12.7
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	13,025	11,550	1,475	11.3	12,800	11,400	1,400	10.9
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	15,325	12,950	2,375	15.5	15,150	12,800	2,350	15.5
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	16,375	14,000	2,375	14.5	16,225	13,900	2,325	14.3
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,000	4,025	975	19.7	5,000	3,975	1,025	20.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	3,850	3,475	375	9.5	3,950	3,575	375	9.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,675	5,125	550	9.8	5,625	5,050	575	10.1

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change From	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	44.8	45.2	44.4	- 0.4	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.6	3.5	- 0.2	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.2	1.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.8	0.8	- 0.2	- 0.2
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.5	11.4	11.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	9.2	9.1	8.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.6	2.5	2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	9.5	9.5	9.5	0	0
Health Services	4.0	4.0	4.1	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.5	12.1	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
State and Local	9.7	10.0	9.6	- 0.3	+ 0.1
State	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Local	4.5	4.8	4.4	- 0.3	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria Labor Market Area was estimated at 44,800 for July. This estimate was 400 less than June and 400 more than July of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing totaled 3,400, less 200 than last month and 100 less than July of last year. The decrease was in nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing at 41,400 for July, decreased by 200 from June. Since July of last year, nonmanufacturing employment has increased by 500. The estimated losses from the previous month were attributed to continued reductions at educational facilities for the summer. Increased employment from July of last year occurred mainly in the retail trade industry.

The outlook for total employment and unemployment should remain relatively constant with little or no change during the next thirty days.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change From	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	215.6	215.8	215.1	- 0.2	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	21.1	21.0	22.0	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.5	0	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	1.0	1.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	16.8	16.7	17.5	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	2.1	2.0	2.1	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.0	12.0	12.8	0	- 0.8
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.1	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	24.1	23.1	- 0.7	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	10.8	10.9	10.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.5	53.3	52.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.3	11.1	- 0.2	0
Retail Trade	42.4	42.0	41.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.7	13.6	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICES	40.6	40.6	40.1	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	51.2	51.0	52.6	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	49.1	48.9	50.6	+ 0.2	- 1.5
State	28.1	28.0	29.3	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Local	21.0	20.9	21.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	\$509.57	\$506.62	\$530.52	41.7	41.8	44.1	\$12.22	\$12.12	\$12.03
Petro-Chemicals	685.54	663.61	709.80	45.4	44.3	47.1	15.10	14.98	15.07

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 215,600 during July was down 200 from June's revised estimate and up 500 over the total for last July. Manufacturing was up 100 and nonmanufacturing was down 300 during the current period.

Estimated employment in manufacturing at 21,100 during July was up 100 over June's revised total. Durable goods had no change; however, stone, clay, and glass products were down due to less business in concrete, gypsum and plaster products while other durable goods were up due to more business in blast furnaces, steel works and rolling and finishing mills and in miscellaneous primary metal products. Nondurable goods were up due to more business in meat products.

Employment in nonmanufacturing at 194,500 was down 300 from June's revised total. Mining and services were unchanged during the current period. Construction was down due to less business in all three major groups. Transportation and public utilities were down due to less business in local water transportation and in telephone communication (wire or radio). Wholesale trade was down due to less demand for electrical goods and in machinery, equipment and supplies. Retail trade was up due to more business in department stores, grocery stores, motor vehicle dealers (new and used) and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate was up due to more business in savings and loan associations, in mortgage bankers and brokers and in insurance agents, brokers and service. Federal government was unchanged while state government and local government each had increases.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,600 production workers in all manufacturing industries was \$509.57 in July, up \$2.95 over June's revised average. Average weekly hours were down one tenth of an hour and average hourly earnings were up ten cents.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 231,400 during July, down 100 from June's revised estimate and down 100 from July of last year. Unemployment at 27,300 during July was down 200 from last month's revised estimate. July's unemployment rate was 10.5 percent compared to 10.6 percent for last month and 8.7 percent in July of last year. The statewide unemployment rate was 11.6 percent during July. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 258,700 during July.

Unemployment and the unemployment rate is expected to continue their seasonal highs during the coming months.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 4,056 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,201 applicants in jobs during July.

The consumer price index for June, 1985 for all urban consumers was 322.3 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 318.7 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change From	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.9	62.6	61.5	- 0.7	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	6.7	7.2	5.6	- 0.5	+ 1.1
Durable Goods	4.6	4.9	3.7	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.3	1.9	- 0.2	+ 0.2
MINING	8.4	8.5	7.9	- 0.1	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.2	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.8	6.8	7.3	0	- 0.5
Water Transportation	4.6	4.6	4.7	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.6	15.3	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.3	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	11.4	11.3	11.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.1	9.2	9.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.8	10.3	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.3	9.9	- 0.3	+ 0.1
State	2.6	2.6	2.3	0	+ 0.3
Local	7.4	7.7	7.6	- 0.3	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in July decreased to 61,900, down 700 from June. Most of the decrease was in manufacturing, spread through both durable goods and nondurable goods. Since July of last year, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment added 400 workers.

Manufacturing employment totaled 6,700 in July, down 500 from last month. Decreases were reported in both durable and nondurable goods. Fabricated metal products and ship and boatbuilding and repairing exhibited the largest decrease over the month due to less business. Food and kindred products reported a downturn due to the seasonal nature of the industry. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment has increased by 1,100.

Local government was lowered by further summer downward adjustments in educational services. Services showed a decrease mostly in business services. Mining tapered off, reflecting the long range problems of the oil and gas industry. More favorably, wholesale trade added workers in the durable goods segment. Retail trade was boosted by an increase in employment by food stores. Construction exhibited a gain in heavy construction. Transportation held steady. Finance, insurance and real estate displayed no change of any significance.

Estimated unemployment in July moved down to 9,300, a level 200 below June. A decrease in the number of entrants and reentrants into the labor force was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently accounts for 10.8 percent of the labor force compared to 11.0 percent in June and 9.9 percent in July of last year. The unemployment rate of 10.8 percent in July was lower than the state rate of 11.6 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.4 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 2,014.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the coming months is expected to display a small overall seasonal increase. Both public and private educational services will pull back up to a normal employment level as the autumn school term gets underway. Retail trade will benefit from back-to-school shopping. Unemployment is predicted to decrease as many entrants and reentrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change From	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	96.6	96.0	98.2	+ 0.6	- 1.6
MANUFACTURING	5.9	5.9	6.2	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	4.0	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
MINING	16.2	16.0	16.9	+ 0.2	- 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.3	25.5	26.3	- 0.2	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	6.5	6.5	6.9	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	18.8	19.0	19.4	- 0.2	- 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Food Stores	3.2	3.4	3.2	- 0.2	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.9	10.9	11.4	0	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	19.3	19.3	19.6	0	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	13.5	12.9	12.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.7	12.1	11.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
State	5.2	4.5	4.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.8
Local	7.5	7.6	7.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette was estimated at 96,600 for July, an increase of 600 from June's level but 1,600 below the comparable period a year ago. The largest decline was noted in the nonmanufacturing segment of the economy. Manufacturing remained stable from the previous month.

Mining has appeared to have reached a certain level with 16,200, a 200 increase from June but 700 less than July of 1984.

Trade dropped 200 from the previous month and 1000 less than the same period a year ago.

Government increased 600 from June. This was due to college starting summer school. This increase was in state government.

The unemployment rate should decline when summer job seekers give up their search for work and go back to school.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change From	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.8	58.6	60.7	+ 0.2	- 1.9
MANUFACTURING	9.3	9.4	9.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.9	0	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.7	9.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.8	8.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.5	4.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.5	4.3	4.5	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.4	15.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.3	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.3	11.1	11.6	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.3	2.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.8	10.7	11.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.2	11.1	- 0.2	- 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.3	10.5	10.4	- 0.2	- 0.1
State	3.8	3.9	3.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	6.5	6.6	6.5	- 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

July, payroll employment, in the Lake Charles area, edged upward 200 over the June level. The increase was noted in the nonmanufacturing level.

Manufacturing showed a 100 decrease from June and 600 decrease from July of 1984. The largest decrease was in the nondurable sector.

Trade, finance, service and government showed no significant increases from the previous month or the same period of time a year ago.

The economy of Lake Charles appears to be about the same. The unemployment rate should decline as summer job seekers abandon their search for work and return to school.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change From	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.5	55.1	54.0	- 0.6	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	6.9	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.7	0.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.3	3.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.9	3.0	2.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.6	15.8	15.3	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	4.1	4.1	4.4	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	11.5	11.7	10.9	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.8	3.3	- 0.2	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.0	0	+ 0.3
SERVICES	10.6	10.6	10.6	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	9.9	10.2	10.7	- 0.3	- 0.8
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.3	9.6	10.1	- 0.3	- 0.8
State	3.7	4.2	4.9	- 0.5	- 1.2
Local	5.6	5.4	5.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 54,500 was 600 below the June estimate of 55,100. All losses were in nonmanufacturing.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at 47,300, was 600 below the June estimate. Mining climbed by 100 to an estimated 800. This was the only segment which showed a gain in employment. The largest loss was in government, reflecting the end of the first summer semester and the lay-off of some summer workers. Wholesale and retail trade was down 200. Construction, as well as transportation and public utilities declined by 100 each. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days employment is expected to rise slightly as wholesale and retail trade will reflect the opening of a new mall. Over the same period some of the summer youth jobs will be completed. Over this same period unemployment should decline slightly.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change From	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	534.8	534.2	550.8	+ 0.6	-16.0
MANUFACTURING	47.2	47.6	48.9	- 0.4	- 1.7
Durable Goods	23.2	23.3	24.4	- 0.1	- 1.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.9	1.9	3.0	0	- 1.1
Fabricated Metal Products	3.1	2.9	3.2	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	12.9	13.3	12.9	- 0.4	0
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.1	8.5	7.9	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	24.0	24.3	24.5	- 0.3	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	7.3	7.6	7.6	- 0.3	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
MINING	20.1	20.3	19.9	- 0.2	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	31.5	31.4	36.7	+ 0.1	- 5.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	45.6	45.8	46.9	- 0.2	- 1.3
Railroad Transportation	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Water Transportation	15.0	15.1	14.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	141.2	141.5	143.3	- 0.3	- 2.1
Wholesale Trade	35.3	35.2	36.3	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Retail Trade	105.9	106.3	107.0	- 0.4	- 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.1	31.9	33.4	+ 0.2	- 1.3
SERVICES	125.8	126.2	130.2	- 0.4	- 4.4
GOVERNMENT	91.3	89.5	91.5	+ 1.8	- 0.2
Federal	15.4	15.2	15.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
State and Local	75.9	74.3	76.5	+ 1.6	- 0.6
State	21.0	20.5	21.1	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Local	54.9	53.8	55.4	+ 1.1	- 0.5

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**
ALL MANUFACTURING	\$423.31	\$425.89	\$428.58	40.2	40.6	42.1	\$10.53	\$10.49	\$10.18
Durable Goods	378.69	390.25	424.53	38.8	39.3	42.2	9.76	9.93	10.06
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	400.23	434.25	443.69	37.3	37.5	41.7	10.73	11.58	10.64
Fabricated Metal Products	455.90	482.60	491.31	48.5	52.4	51.5	9.40	9.21	9.54
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	361.08	346.38	406.22	36.0	34.5	40.3	10.03	10.04	10.08
Nondurable Goods	468.00	461.74	431.99	41.6	41.9	41.9	11.25	11.02	10.31
Food & Kindred Products	325.88	317.60	306.46	39.5	39.8	39.8	8.25	7.98	7.70
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	145.72	161.14	177.11	25.7	32.1	33.8	5.67	5.02	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	449.19	452.50	379.68	48.3	49.4	45.2	9.30	9.16	8.40
Printing & Publishing	363.54	381.91	366.63	41.5	42.2	41.9	8.76	9.05	8.75
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	706.28	687.46	642.21	44.9	43.7	42.9	15.73	15.84	14.97

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the New Orleans LMA in July edged up to 534,800, a level 600 above June. The gain was mostly in government, affecting hires of temporary summer workers. Since July of last year, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment lost 16,000 workers, partly reflecting the closing of the 1984 World's Fair in November.

Total manufacturing employment was 47,200 in July, down 400 from last month. Food and kindred products decreased largely in seafood processing due to seasonal downturns. Layoffs at area shipyards caused the decrease in ship and boatbuilding and repairing as contracts are being completed. The only bright spot over the month was in fabricated metal products where additional hiring was reported by several firms. Compared to this same time last year, manufacturing employment is down 1,700.

Government was boosted in each of the major sectors by hires of temporary workers for the summer. Finance and insurance showed minor gains in each industry. Construction pushed up in heavy construction, which offset decreases in employment by building construction and special trade contractors. Wholesale trade added workers in durable goods. Less favorably, retail trade exhibited cutbacks in most segments except stores. Services showed an overall decrease largely in private educational services, business services, personal services and the hotel-motel industry. Both mining and transportation lost workers.

Average weekly earnings totaled \$423.31 in July for area production workers, down \$2.58 from last month and down \$5.27 from one year ago. Average weekly hours decreased 24 minutes over the month and average hourly earnings increased by four cents.

Estimated unemployment in July moved down to 68,200, a level 1,100 below June. A decrease in the number of entrants and reentrants into the labor force and an increase in employment were mainly responsible. Current unemployment accounts for 11.7 percent of the labor force compared to 11.9 percent in June and 9.4 percent in July of last year. The unemployment rate of 11.7 percent in July was slightly higher than the state rate of 11.6 percent, and much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.4 percent. Beneficiaries of regular unemployment insurance totaled 17,714. Approximately 45.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; about 33.0 percent were female.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall seasonal gain. Both public and private educational services will move back up to normal employment levels as the autumn school term begins. Retail trade will benefit from back-to-school shopping. Unemployment is predicted to decrease as many entrants and reentrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Net Change From	
				June 1985	July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	143.3	144.8	143.0	- 1.5	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	21.7	22.1	23.1	- 0.4	- 1.4
Durable Goods	17.4	17.7	18.2	- 0.3	- 0.8
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Metals and Machinery	11.8	12.0	12.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.1	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	9.8	9.9	9.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.1	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Nondurable Good	4.3	4.4	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.4	1.5	+ 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.2	1.4	- 0.2	- 0.4
MINING	4.6	4.7	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	10.0	10.0	9.4	0	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.3	8.4	9.0	- 0.1	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	35.6	35.0	34.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	9.7	9.4	9.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	25.9	25.6	25.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.9	8.0	8.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	32.5	32.6	31.4	- 0.1	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	22.7	24.0	22.1	- 1.3	+ 0.6
Federal	4.5	4.4	4.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	18.2	19.6	17.9	- 1.4	+ 0.3
State	6.5	6.3	6.7	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Local	11.7	13.3	11.2	- 1.6	+ 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**	July '85*	June '85**	July '84**
1 MANUFACTURING	\$372.69	\$404.15	\$394.42	36.9	39.7	39.8	\$10.10	\$10.18	\$9.91
Lumber and Wood Products	222.46	194.53	225.42	40.3	37.7	39.0	5.52	5.16	5.78
Metals and Machinery	383.90	404.79	365.51	37.6	39.3	39.6	10.21	10.30	9.23
Food and Kindred Products	301.43	294.26	279.33	40.9	40.2	40.6	7.37	7.32	6.88
Printing and Publishing	284.77	288.22	248.93	33.7	34.6	31.0	8.45	8.33	7.71
Petroleum and Coal Products	483.29	471.06	412.04	43.5	42.4	43.1	11.11	11.11	9.54

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 16,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport area shows a decline from the revised June estimate of 144,800 down to 143,300. The employment estimate for manufacturing dropped from 22,100 to 21,700 during the past month. Total nonmanufacturing employment decreased to 121,600, an estimate 1,100 less than the revised June figure.

The manufacturing employment estimate of 21,700 is 400 less than the previous month. Most of this reduction (300) occurred in durable goods as a result of less demand for metal products and machinery. In the manufacturing of nondurable goods, employment shows a slight decline of 100, down from 4,400 to 4,300.

A substantial employment decrease of 1,100 occurred in nonmanufacturing and was caused primarily by dropping non-contract public school employees from the payroll. There were additional employment losses of 100 each in all other segments of nonmanufacturing, except construction, which remains unchanged. Total trade employment shows the only increase, up from 35,000 in June to 35,600.

This labor area has an estimated 16,800 production workers in manufacturing. These production workers had average weekly earnings of \$372.62, compared with \$404.15 for last month and \$394.42 one year ago. Average weekly hours were 36.9, down from 39.7 last month and 39.8 in July, 1984. Average hourly earnings were \$10.10, slightly less than \$10.18 for last month, and up from \$9.91 for July, 1984.

The Shreveport labor area has a civilian labor force of 164,500, with 149,700 employed and 14,800 unemployed. The current unemployment rate is 9.0 percent.

Unemployment in this area will increase. The additional lay-off of production workers in manufacturing will be reflected in our September estimates. A seasonal employment upturn will occur as the new school term begins and this will help cushion the impact of the employment losses in manufacturing on total employment for this area.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1985

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	3,610	3,063	547	102	95	7	53	40	13
Contractual Construction (15-17)	26,256	17,657	8,599	687	521	166	4,447	3,425	1,022
Manufacturing (20-29)	10,039	5,270	4,769	170	94	76	671	377	294
Transp., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	3,572	2,232	1,340	73	46	27	260	132	128
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,661	1,065	596	37	31	6	131	91	40
Retail Trade (52-59)	7,952	4,815	3,137	252	182	70	795	422	373
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,307	945	362	32	25	7	139	100	39
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 91-99)	13,547	7,024	6,523	386	227	159	1,055	558	497
Public Administration (91-97)	1,503	710	793	79	51	28	176	74	102
All Others	212	113	99	0	0	0	48	31	17
Totals	69,659	42,894	26,765	1,818	1,272	546	7,775	5,250	2,525
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	6,126	4,997	1,129	145	126	19	693	583	110
Clerical and Sales	10,758	7,792	2,966	334	270	64	1,085	751	334
Services Occupations	6,140	2,108	4,032	191	78	113	549	161	388
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	2,288	2,773	1,515	48	22	26	82	22	60
Processing Occupations	2,628	1,317	1,291	29	18	11	166	91	75
Machine Trades	3,254	2,255	999	137	90	47	361	300	61
Benchwork Occupations	1,825	909	916	46	33	13	120	87	33
Structural Work Occupations	25,417	16,751	8,666	636	483	153	4,010	2,931	1,079
Miscellaneous Occupations	11,223	5,972	5,251	252	152	100	7,709	324	385
Totals	69,659	42,894	26,765	1,818	1,272	546	7,775	5,250	2,525

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1985

Industry	BOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	289	237	52	351	271	80	113	105	8
Contractual Construction (15-17)	806	649	159	638	408	230	1,541	1,230	311
Manufacturing (20-29)	817	552	265	365	141	224	699	520	179
Transp., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	205	181	24	156	108	48	145	103	42
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	79	68	11	144	85	59	75	54	21
Retail Trade (52-59)	275	215	60	375	245	130	460	331	129
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	37	29	8	61	52	9	29	20	9
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 91-97)	476	380	96	557	344	213	548	379	169
Public Administration (91-97)	30	22	8	27	17	10	43	27	16
All Others	4	4	0	5	4	1	4	3	1
Totals	3,020	2,337	683	2,679	1,675	1,004	3,657	2,772	885
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	374	297	27	383	341	42	290	248	42
Clerical and Sales	363	315	48	561	430	131	534	438	96
Services Occupations	157	97	60	281	108	173	261	131	130
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	190	153	37	30	8	22	56	8	48
Processing Occupations	307	188	119	164	47	117	423	311	112
Machine Trades	102	85	17	123	80	43	120	109	11
Benchwork Occupations	27	21	6	43	19	24	28	22	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,064	831	233	621	389	232	1,538	1,232	306
Miscellaneous Occupations	486	350	136	473	253	220	407	273	134
Totals	3,020	2,337	683	2,679	1,675	1,004	3,657	2,772	885

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1985

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	63	62	1	217	157	60	304	271	33
Contractual Construction (15-17)	836	651	185	7,369	4,276	3,093	1,105	618	487
Manufacturing (20-29)	201	122	79	2,330	1,178	1,152	699	352	347
Trams, Cams., & Utilities (40-49)	65	35	30	1,554	826	728	210	129	81
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	22	20	2	603	344	259	156	84	72
Retail Trade (52-59)	309	203	106	2,330	1,183	1,147	675	363	312
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	39	28	11	601	387	214	138	99	39
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 91-97)	323	204	119	4,328	1,978	2,350	1,026	539	487
Public Administration (91-97)	58	25	33	381	135	246	89	32	57
All Others	11	7	4	57	34	23	2	1	1
Totals	1,927	1,357	570	19,770	10,498	9,272	4,404	2,488	1,916
<u>Occupations</u>									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	207	172	35	2,303	1,701	602	390	341	49
Clerical and Sales	366	282	84	3,657	2,252	1,405	949	719	230
Services Occupations	159	71	88	2,183	546	1,637	666	149	517
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	40	18	22	137	50	87	44	23	21
Processing Occupations	18	9	9	511	211	300	73	39	34
Machine Trades	104	80	24	880	587	293	251	128	123
Penchwork Occupations	34	21	13	630	243	387	174	92	82
Structural Work Occupations	680	530	150	6,819	3,873	2,946	1,042	615	427
Miscellaneous Occupations	319	174	145	2,650	1,035	1,615	815	382	433
Totals	1,927	1,357	570	19,770	10,498	9,272	4,404	2,488	1,916

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1985

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	4,103	3,479	624	104	93	11	74	58	16
Contractual Construction (15-17)	20,156	13,677	6,479	429	320	109	3,500	2,741	759
Manufacturing (20-29)	8,897	4,715	4,182	145	85	60	729	456	273
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	3,967	2,480	1,487	66	43	23	269	161	108
Wholesale Trade (50-54)	1,767	1,084	683	24	20	4	168	100	68
Retail Trade (55-59)	8,638	5,251	3,387	244	181	63	868	518	350
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,479	1,059	420	23	18	5	165	130	35
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 91-99)	11,472	6,265	5,207	347	221	126	984	560	424
Public Administration (91-97)	1,504	700	804	88	47	41	131	54	77
All Others	181	98	83	5	3	2	34	24	10
Totals	62,164	38,808	23,356	1,475	1,031	444	6,922	4,802	2,120
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	6,381	5,196	1,185	145	124	21	734	604	130
Clerical and Sales	11,346	8,163	3,183	320	253	67	1,115	805	310
Services Occupations	6,085	2,081	4,004	188	85	103	506	159	347
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	889	385	504	19	13	6	13	13	19
Processing Occupations	2,164	1,051	1,113	25	16	9	213	120	93
Machine Trades	3,142	2,206	936	90	54	36	372	313	59
Benchwork Occupations	1,818	896	922	31	23	8	125	80	45
Structural Work Occupations	19,887	13,096	6,791	407	307	100	3,201	2,405	796
Miscellaneous Occupations	10,452	5,734	4,718	250	156	94	624	303	321
Totals	62,164	38,808	23,356	1,475	1,031	444	6,922	4,802	2,120

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1985

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Holding (10-14)	58	55	3	250	176	74	270	233	37
Contractual Construction (15-17)	446	351	95	6,088	3,585	2,503	722	415	307
Manufacturing (20-29)	168	106	62	2,724	1,349	1,375	546	275	271
Transp., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	61	41	20	1,791	916	875	181	117	64
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	43	28	15	698	373	325	142	74	68
Retail Trade (52-59)	383	238	145	2,942	1,518	1,424	652	362	290
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	49	37	12	739	476	263	121	94	27
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 91-97)	258	157	101	4,748	2,227	2,521	650	336	314
Public Administration (91-97)	54	22	32	416	169	247	84	37	47
All Others	6	3	3	64	35	29	3	1	2
Totals	1,526	1,038	488	20,460	10,824	9,636	3,371	1,944	1,427
<u>Occupations</u>									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	200	164	36	2,512	1,923	589	368	313	55
Clerical and Sales	475	312	113	4,182	2,598	1,584	808	590	218
Services Occupations	144	46	98	2,613	716	1,897	400	83	317
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	13	7	6	155	70	85	32	15	17
Processing Occupations	11	8	3	603	235	368	52	19	33
Machine Trades	81	58	23	1,017	672	345	208	125	83
Handwork Occupations	28	16	12	637	257	380	138	63	75
Structural Work Occupations	363	286	77	5,842	3,272	2,570	745	444	301
Miscellaneous Occupations	261	141	120	2,899	1,081	1,818	620	292	328
Totals	1,526	1,038	488	20,460	10,824	9,636	3,371	1,944	1,427

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1985

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA				LAFAYETTE AREA				LAKE CHARLES AREA			
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL
Mining (10-14)	359	315	44	452	345	107	136	120	16	275	1,085	1,360
Contractual Construction (15-17)	633	510	123	480	308	172	345	156	90	255	43	199
Manufacturing (20-29)	432	319	113	281	135	146	46	83	64	354	34	39
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	221	197	24	157	111	43	160	14	187	23	1	2
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	93	77	16	116	73	43	187	23	1	2	1	2
Retail Trade (52-59)	315	242	73	424	264	160	39	359	17	1	1	2
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	38	30	8	59	45	14	514	43	26	1	1	2
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 91-97)	384	287	97	492	305	187	514	43	26	1	1	2
Public Administration (91-97)	32	14	18	41	18	23	43	26	1	1	1	2
All Others	5	2	3	5	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
Totals	2,512	1,993	519	2,507	1,608	899	3,207	2,454	753	753	753	753
Occupations												
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	295	266	29	379	327	52	291	252	39	252	39	252
Clerical and Sales	344	294	50	581	458	123	631	507	124	507	124	507
Service Occupations	217	127	90	296	92	204	221	106	115	106	115	106
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	75	54	21	12	6	6	20	9	11	9	11	9
Processing Occupations	142	96	46	97	34	63	207	151	56	151	56	151
Machine Trades	138	112	26	132	97	35	104	90	14	90	14	90
Benchwork Occupations	22	15	7	57	26	31	39	37	2	37	2	37
Structural Work Occupations	789	635	154	499	291	208	1,274	1,004	270	1,004	270	1,004
Miscellaneous Occupations	490	394	96	454	277	177	420	298	122	298	122	298
Totals	2,512	1,993	519	2,507	1,608	899	3,207	2,454	753	2,454	753	2,454